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A cut above

Stylists and barbers offer advice about do-it-yourself hair care

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

The most common advice barbers and hair stylists have for people who are on the verge of cutting or coloring their own hair is this: Don't.

"If you are on the edge, call your stylist and we can talk you off the cliff," said Connie Hartwig, a stylist at Revá Salon & Spa in St. Joseph. "We're all in the same boat. Nobody's judging anybody right now."

Josef Kempton offered a tip or two to men who are unable to refrain from cutting their own hair as people stay at home during the coronavirus pandemic quarantine.

"Don't take too much off at a time, and don't cut your ear off," said Kempton, owner of Joe's Barber Shop in Niles. "A lot of guys are just buzzing it all off right now."

He said that besides

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Ursula Lull, a hair stylist at Revá Salon & Spa in St. Joseph, has been out of work since last month when the governor closed non-essential businesses, including salons and barber shops due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She and other stylists and barbers offered do's and dont's for home hair care.

New details on county's COVID-19 cases

Benton Harbor ZIP code has more cases than any other in the county

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — There are more presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County than confirmed cases, county health officials reported Thursday.

The Berrien County Health Department released a report with much more detail about the county's COVID-19 cases than had previously been reported. The report said there are 162 presumed positive cases, compared to the county's 133 confirmed positive cases.

Presumed cases are individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 who have been identified through contact tracing and exposure to other confirmed COVID-19 cases since tracking began in March.

Out of the confirmed positive cases in Berrien County, seven have died and 71 have recovered, according to the BCHD.

Recovered cases are individuals who had confirmed COVID-19 test results and have now been released from isolation after having three days of no fever (without a fever-reducing

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SIGNS OF SUPPORT

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Chloe Long joins her children, Asa, 8, right, and Blythe and Micah, both not pictured, as they put up repurposed yard signs reading "You are our heroes," in a show of support Thursday morning at Spectrum Health Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Midwest states to partner on opening economy

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Seven Midwestern governors announced Thursday that they will coordinate on reopening their state economies amid the coronavirus pandemic, after similar pacts were made in the Northeast and on the West Coast.

The latest agreement includes Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kentucky.

"We look forward to working with experts and taking a fact-based, data-driven approach to reopening our economy in a way that protects families from the spread of COVID-19," the governors said in a statement an hour before President Donald Trump outlined to governors a phased approach to restoring normal commerce and services if there is strong testing and a decrease in cases. "Our No. 1 priority when analyzing when (is) best to reopen our economy is the health and safety of our citizens."

The Midwestern alliance joins pacts on the West Coast and in the Northeast that were announced this week. All together, the 17 states covered by the partnerships are home to nearly half of the country's population.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, whose early and aggressive response to the virus has received wide bipartisan praise, was named in the joint news release. But his spokesman said that as of Thursday, DeWine had not joined any formal compacts or agreements. DeWine, who said some Ohio business could begin reopening after May 1 as long as proper precautions are taken, said he has been in constant conversation with the governors of all of Ohio's bordering states.

"I can't speak for what the other governors are going to do, and I won't, but we are all in a lot of contact and I think it's good for the people of our respective states that we're sharing ideas," he said.

"Phasing in sectors of our economy will be most effective when we work together as a region," said the governors, who include five Democrats – Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer, Wisconsin's Tony Evers, Illinois' J.B. Pritzker, Minnesota's Tim Walz, Kentucky's Andy Beshear – and two

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Michigan Office of the Governor via AP

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state during a speech on April 13 in Lansing. Seven Midwestern governors announced Thursday that they will coordinate on reopening their state economies amid the coronavirus pandemic, after similar pacts were made in the Northeast and on the West Coast.

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County looks ahead to life after shutdown

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Health officials are preparing for what life may look like after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order expires in two weeks, Berrien County Health Officer Nicki Britten told county commissioners Thursday.

"We really don't know what May looks like and what might be happening between the governor and the Legislature, so we're all staying tuned as to how some of that might play out, thinking about what we need locally," Britten said during the board's virtual meeting on Zoom, which was broadcast live on YouTube.

And what Berrien County needs locally may look different from what other parts of the state need, Britten said.

"Health officers across the state, myself included, would be in support of a regionalized approach, depending what that looks like and how we define regions," Britten said. "... I think there's support for that. I think that's a reasonable direction to go."

The state has been under lockdown since March 24, with Whitmer issuing a number of executive orders that temporarily closed non-essential businesses, banned all gatherings and ended the K-12 school year in an effort to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus so hospitals aren't

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Over 1M have filed for unemployment in past month

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — An additional 219,000 people in Michigan filed for unemployment last week, bringing the total number who have lost their jobs in the coronavirus pandemic to more than 1 million – a staggering quarter of the state's workforce.

The initial claims were among 5.2 million nationally, the federal government reported Thursday. Only two states, California and New York, saw more filings over a four-week period despite Michigan ranking 10th in population.

"We appreciate the patience of our working families as we process the historic need for benefits," said Jeff Donofrio, director of the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. He said there are roughly 745,000 people currently receiving payments, double the highest active total in the Great Recession.

Some people who apply for unemployment aid are turned down and do not actually receive checks. The number of applicants getting benefits also lags behind the number of first-time jobless claims figure by a week.

People have struggled to file online and by phone. Earlier this week, the state's deluged website was down for about six hours.

"We know there is more work to do to improve our systems and we're committed to quickly providing every dollar of emergency financial assistance our workers are entitled to," Donofrio said.

Michigan is among 29 states that have started adding $600 to the weekly unemployment aid as provided under the federal government's $2.2 trillion economic relief package.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Detroit Police Chief James Craig, who was recently cleared to return to work after fighting his own COVID-19 diagnosis, addresses the media during Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's daily press briefing on the coronavirus on Thursday in Detroit.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
3C-10C-9D-3H-10H
Midday Daily 3
2-7-2
Midday Daily 4
9-2-9-3
Daily 3
4-6-6
Daily 4
6-6-1-7
Fantasy 5
01-11-12-16-18
Keno
01-02-05-07-09-10-14-16-22-31-34-35-39-43-45-49-51-67-73-74-75-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$159 million
Powerball jackpot
$24 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
10-12-33-36-41, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
04-17-38-40-42
Cash4Life
14-26-33-42-60, Cash Ball: 2
Lotto Plus
08-11-19-29-30-33
Quick Draw Midday
05-17-19-21-22-25-28-29-34-37-40-41-42-44-45-56-64-66-67-68, BE: 19
Daily Three-Midday
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Daily Three-Evening
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5-6-9-6, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
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Quick Draw Evening
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Hoosier Lotto
09-14-20-24-30-36
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
16-30-38-41-43
Estimated jackpot
$550,000
Pick Three-Midday
5-4-8, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
5-7-1, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
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Trump gives governors 3-step plan to reopen economy

By ZEKE MILLER, ALAN SUDERMAN, and KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

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President Donald Trump waves during an event celebrating American truckers, at the White House on Thursday.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump gave governors a road map Thursday for recovering from the economic pain of the coronavirus pandemic, laying out a phased approach to restoring normal activity in places that have strong testing and are seeing a decrease in COVID-19 cases.

"You're going to call your own shots," Trump told the governors, according to an audio recording obtained by The Associated Press. "We're going to be standing alongside of you."

The new guidelines are aimed at easing restrictions in areas with low transmission of the coronavirus, while holding the line in harder-hit locations. They make clear that the return to normalcy will be a far longer process than Trump initially envisioned, with federal officials warning that some social distancing measures may need to remain in place through the end of the year to prevent a new outbreak.

Places with declining infections and strong testing would begin a three-phased gradual reopening of businesses and schools – each phase lasting at least 14 days – to ensure that infections don't accelerate again.

In phase one, for instance, the plan recommends strict social distancing for all people in public. Gatherings larger than 10 people are to be avoided and nonessential travel is discouraged.

In phase two, people are encouraged to maximize social distancing where possible and limit gatherings to no more than 50 people unless precautionary measures are taken. Travel could resume.

Phase three envisions a return to normalcy for most Americans, with a focus on identification and isolation of any new infections.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the guidelines before their public release.

Governors of both parties made clear they will move at their own pace.

Delaware Gov. John Carney, a Democrat, said the guidelines "seem to make sense."

"We're days, maybe weeks away from the starting line and then you have to have 14 days of declining cases, of declining symptoms and hospital capacity that exists in case you have a rebound," he said.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, a Trump ally, cautiously floated the idea of reopening parts of the state, but said testing capacity and contact tracing would need to be considerably ramped up before restrictions could be safely lifted.

"All would be forgotten very quickly if we moved into a stage quicker than we should, and then we got into a situation where we had people dying like flies," Justice told reporters.

At earliest, the guidelines suggest, some parts of the country could see a resumption in normal commerce and social gatherings after a month of evaluating whether easing up on restrictions has led to a resurgence in virus cases. In other parts of the country, or if virus cases pick up, it could be substantially longer.

Trump briefed the nation's governors on the plan Thursday afternoon, saying they were going to be responsible for deciding when it is safe to lift restrictions in their states. It came days after the president drew swift pushback for claiming he had the absolute authority to determine how and when states reopen.

"We have a very large number of states that want to get going and they're in very good shape," Trump said. "That's good with us, frankly."

The guidelines also include general recommendations to businesses as they plan for potential reopenings, suggesting temperature-taking, rapid COVID-19 testing and widespread increased disinfection efforts in workplaces.

Those most susceptible to the respiratory disease are advised to remain sheltered in place until their area enters the final phase – and even then are encouraged to take precautions to avoid close contact with other people.

Governors, for their part, have been moving ahead with their own plans for how to safely revive normal activity. Seven Midwestern governors announced Thursday they will coordinate on reopening their economies. Similar pacts were announced earlier in the week in the West and Northeast.

Two in three Americans expressed concerns that restrictions meant to slow the spread of the virus would be eased too quickly, according to a Pew Research Center survey released Thursday.

Trump held conference calls earlier Thursday with lawmakers he named to a new congressional advisory task force on reviving the economy. The economic costs were clear in new federal data showing that at least 22 million Americans have been thrown out of work in the last month. But the legislators repeatedly urged the president not to sacrifice public health by moving too quickly.

"My highest priority on this task force will be to ensure the federal government's efforts to reopen our economy are bipartisan, data-driven, and based on the expertise of public health professionals," said Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia.

The federal government envisions a gradual recovery from the virus, in which disruptive mitigation measures may be needed in some places at least until a vaccine is available – a milestone unlikely to be reached until sometime next year.

Deaf woman sues hospital for not aiding disability

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — A deaf woman sued a Michigan hospital, alleging that it violated federal laws by failing to provide her with a sign language interpreter when she was transferred to the hospital last fall.

Christine Ketola is accusing McLaren Greater Lansing of failing to accommodate her by not communicating with her effectively after she was transferred there in October for abdominal pain.

"As a deaf American, (Ketola) primarily communicates in American Sign Language or 'ASL' for short," according to the lawsuit filed April 3 in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids. "She requires an ASL interpreter to effectively communicate and participate in a health care setting."

Ketola "suffered the protracted humiliation of not understanding her medical care" because staff used note writing and faulty technology to communicate with her, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit alleges the hospital violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, Affordable Care Act and other federal laws by failing to accommodate Ketola's needs. She is seeking monetary damages and attorney's fees.

Linda Toomey, the hospital's marketing manager, told the Lansing State Journal in a statement that McLaren couldn't comment on the specifics of the case because it didn't receive the complaint yet.

But Toomey noted that the hospital provides accommodations to ensure health care access and effective communication is available to all patients.

"Our facility utilizes technology which allows for communication with our patients and families when English is not a first language, including American Sign Language interpreter services for patients with hearing disabilities," the statement said.

The hospital uses a Video Remote Interpreter, where an interpreter is located remotely to facilitate communication between health care workers and the patient through a screen, according to the statement.

But Ketola's lawsuit alleges that the VRI wasn't effective when her doctor was discussing with her the risks and benefits of gallbladder surgery.

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Republicans, DeWine and Eric Holcomb of Indiana. They stressed it does not mean every state will take the same steps at the same time.

"Close coordination will ensure we get this right," said Evers, who on Thursday extended Wisconsin's stay-at-home order until May 26.

Holcomb, who could announce Friday whether he will extend or modify Indiana's stay-home order that is scheduled to end early next week, described the pact as a way of making sure that all of the state leaders know about the actions the others are taking.

"We're all thinking about that smart restart, opening of our states in a very gradual, methodical way if the numbers continue to hold and the trends continue to hold," he said.

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Lakeland COO condition declines from good to fair

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The condition of Dr. Lowell Hamel, Spectrum Health Lakeland's chief operating officer, has declined since Monday, hospital officials say.

LOWELL HAMEL

It was announced last Friday that Hamel had tested positive for COVID-19 and was being treated at Lakeland Medical Center's COVID-19 unit in St. Joseph.

Hamel's condition was listed as "fair" early Thursday afternoon, according to hospital spokeswoman Megan Yore. It was listed at "good" on Monday afternoon.

"We hope and pray for his complete recovery," Yore said.

She could not provide further details other than that he is still in the hospital.

Hamel is the brother of Spectrum Health Lakeland President Dr. Loren Hamel.

Loren Hamel reported last Friday that his brother had been feeling ill for a few days and had stayed home, to limit any possible exposure to others.

In addition to his role at Spectrum Health Lakeland, Lowell Hamel still sees patients at a family practice in Berrien Springs near the campus of Andrews University. The practice, University Medical Specialties, recently became a part of the Spectrum Health Lakeland system.

In addition to his role as COO, Lowell Hamel is also a senior vice president and the chief clinical officer at Spectrum Health Lakeland.

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IN BRIEF

Area Agency on Aging launches friendly caller program

ST. JOSEPH — Seniors who may just need someone to talk to so they do not feel isolated or alone have a new program they can take advantage of.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has set up the Friendly Caller Program, where any senior who would like to connect with a friendly person to talk to while sheltering in place during the COVID 19 pandemic can call 408-4332.

During these calls, AAA staff members can provide reassurance, help connect seniors to information regarding services they may need, and mostly, make sure they are not feeling lonely or isolated.

For more information about AAA's aging and disability programs, call 800-654-2810 or visit www.AreaAgencyonAging.org.

Drives scheduled to collect blood donations

American Red Cross

Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

Noon-5:45 p.m. April 24, American Legion, 200 W. Linden St., Three Oaks.

Versiti Blood Center

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Noon-5 p.m. Monday, Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet, classroom B in basement, 400 Medical Park Drive.

2-7 p.m. Tuesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, community room, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

National grant to help improve damaged forests in SW Michigan

By HP STAFF

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, along with four regional groups, has been selected to receive a $375,000 national grant to help improve damaged forests in Southwest Michigan.

The conservancy and other partners' project was one of 13 selected nationwide to receive funding from the Wildlife Conservation Society's Climate Adaptation Fund, which is supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

The grant will enable the five Southwest Michigan groups to work together to improve the health of some of the region's damaged forests, and employ a proactive approach to keeping them healthy into the future amidst the many challenges local forests face, including climate change, according to the conservancy's Stewardship Director Mitch Lettow.

The conservancy, Ottawa County Parks, The Nature Conservancy-Michigan, Chikaming Open Lands and Shirley Heinze Land Trust are undertaking the $375,000 project to keep existing forests healthy and to plant new, resilient forests.

One of the forests the groups intend to address is at the conservancy's Wau-Ke-Na William Erby Smith Preserve, north of South Haven.

"Between the Emerald ash borer and heavy spring rains, this habitat has really taken a hit over the last decade or so," Lettow said.

Over the course of two years the group plans to plant more than 40,000 trees at preserves and parks throughout West and Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana, using species and creating forest habitats that can better adapt to climate change and invasive species.

Over the next two years these partners intend to improve forest health and plant new forests across nature preserves and county parks spanning over 70 miles of latitude from northwest Indiana to the Grand River in West Michigan.

Across 14 different forested areas throughout this region, the group will take action to impact nearly 500 acres of forest by treating for invasive species, planting new forests and diversifying existing forests.

Photo provided

Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest health expert Heidi Frei (second from right) shows Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy volunteers at Wau-Ke-Na preserve how to examine Eastern hemlock branches for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive species that can destroy Hemlock trees.

One of the invasive species that will be addressed is the Emerald ash borer that killed mature ash trees 60 feet or more in height at Wau-Ke-Na and throughout the state.

As a dominant tree in the preserve's hardwood forests, losing ash trees dealt a devastating blow to over 50 acres at the site. Sunlight now floods to the ground in a previously shady understory.

"With the canopy dying back and more sunlight coming in, invasive plants are having a field day out there," conservancy Stewardship Specialist Dave Brown said.

Emerald ash borer and invasive plants aren't the only thorns in the sides of land managers throughout the region who are trying to keep our local forests healthy.

"In the past 200 years these forests have seen major impacts that have re-shuffled the ecosystem again and again, and each time some species can adapt to the changes, some have to move elsewhere, and others we lose," Lettow said. With climate change as another challenge thrown in the mix, Lettow and Brown are also seeing intense spring rains nearly every year impacting many of the conservancy's preserves. Gradually changing hydrology is quietly affecting what tree species can thrive

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SUNSET SHOOT

Don Campbell / HP staff

A photographer watches as the sun sets along the dunes at Tiscornia Park in St. Joseph earlier this week.

Nurses push back on working without right equipment

By MARTHA MENDOZA and KIMBERLEE KRUESI
Associated Press

Nurse Mike Gulick was meticulous about not bringing the coronavirus home to his wife and their 2-year-old daughter. He'd stop at a hotel after work just to take a shower. He'd wash his clothes in Lysol disinfectant. They did a tremendous amount of hand-washing.

But at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, California, Gulick and his colleagues worried that caring for infected patients without first being able to don an N95 respirator mask was risky. The N95 mask filters out 95 percent of all airborne particles, including ones too tiny to be blocked by regular masks. But hospital administrators said they weren't necessary and didn't provide them, he said.

Then, last week, a nurse on Gulick's ward tested positive for the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. The next day, doctors doing rounds on their ward asked the nurses why they weren't wearing N95 masks, Gulick said, and told them they should have better protection.

For Gulick, that was it. He and a handful of nurses told their managers they wouldn't enter COVID-19 patient rooms without N95 masks.

"I went into nursing with a passion for helping those who are most vulnerable and being an advocate for those who couldn't have a voice for themselves, but not under the conditions we're currently under," Gulick said.

The hospital suspended him and nine colleagues, according to the National Nurses United, which represents them. Ten nurses are now being paid but are not allowed to return to work pending an investigation from human resources, the union said.

They are among hundreds of doctors, nurses and other health care workers across the country who say they've been asked to work without adequate protection. Some have taken part in protests or lodged formal complaints. Others are buying or even making their own supplies.

One nurse was fired after refusing to remove her own N95 mask and sterile gloves and instead wear a "tissue-paper thin" surgical mask while on duty except for when caring for a known COVID-19 patient.

Dawn Kulach was fired on April 10 by Virtua Health's hospital in Voorhees, New Jersey, shortly after she recovered from pneumonia

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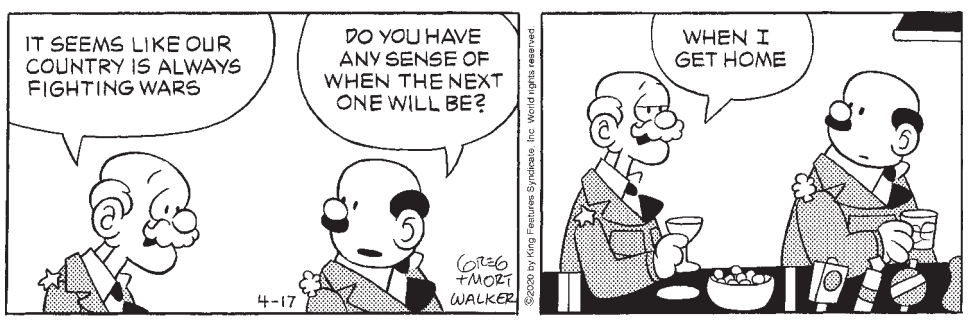
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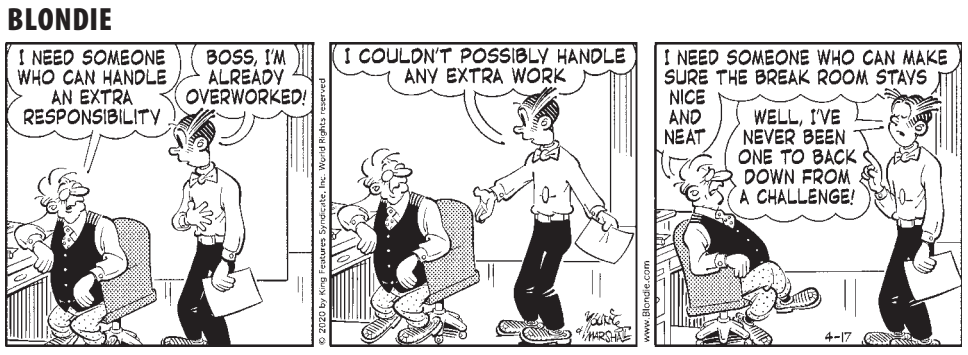
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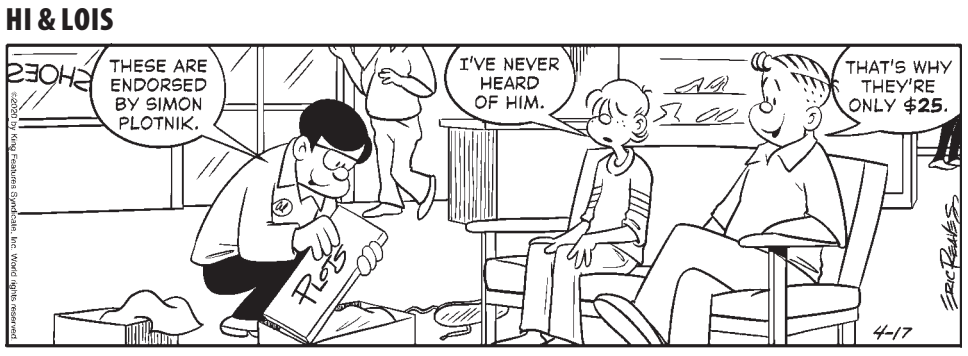
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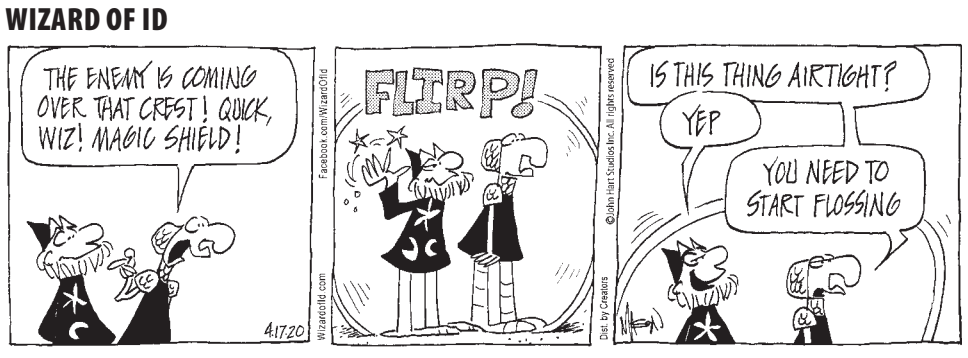

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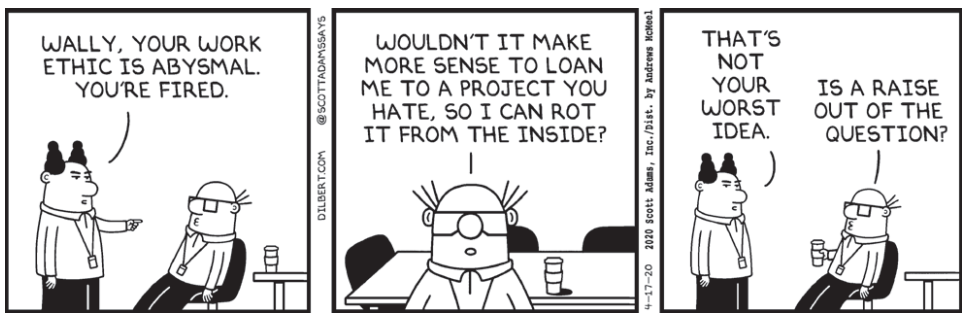
WALLY, YOUR WORK ETHIC IS ABYSMAL. YOU'RE FIRED.
WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO LOAN ME TO A PROJECT YOU HATE, SO I CAN ROT IT FROM THE INSIDE?
THAT'S NOT YOUR WORST IDEA.
IS A RAISE OUT OF THE QUESTION?
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BEFORE WE CLEAN THE HOUSE, WE SHOULD VISUALIZE THE WORK
AAAAH!
AAAAH!
THAT WAS A MISTAKE
BIG TIME!
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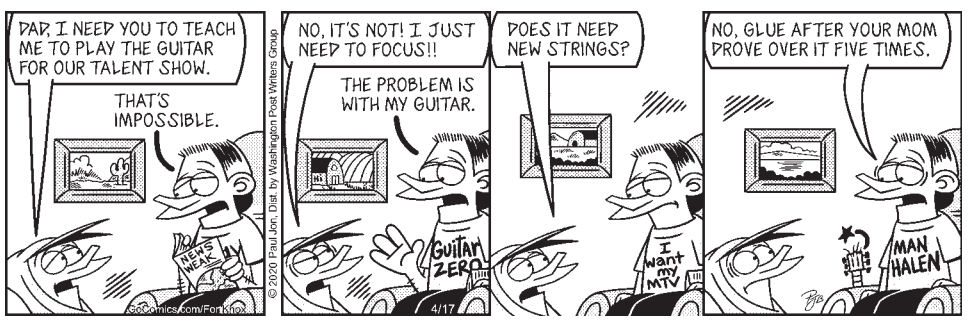
DAD, I NEED YOU TO TEACH ME TO PLAY THE GUITAR FOR OUR TALENT SHOW.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
NEWS FREAK
NO, IT'S NOT! I JUST NEED TO FOCUS!!
THE PROBLEM IS WITH MY GUITAR.
GUITAR ZERO
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DOES IT NEED NEW STRINGS?
I Want my MTV
NO, GLUE AFTER YOUR MOM DROVE OVER IT FIVE TIMES.
MAN HALEN
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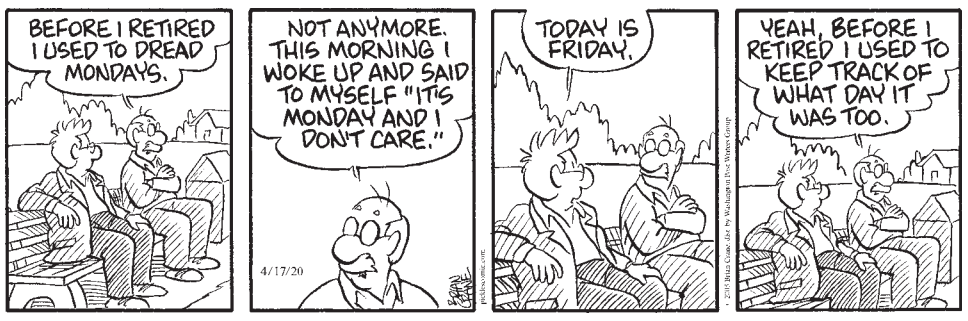
BEFORE I RETIRED I USED TO DREAD MONDAYS.
NOT ANYMORE. THIS MORNING I WOKE UP AND SAID TO MYSELF "IT'S MONDAY AND I DON'T CARE."
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TODAY IS FRIDAY.
YEAH, BEFORE I RETIRED I USED TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT DAY IT WAS TOO.
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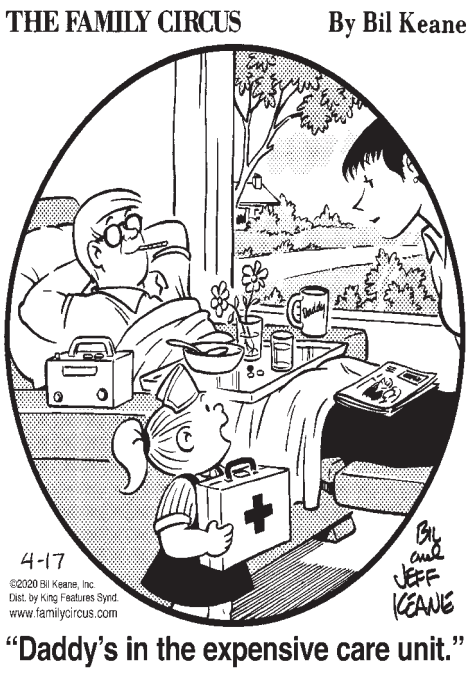
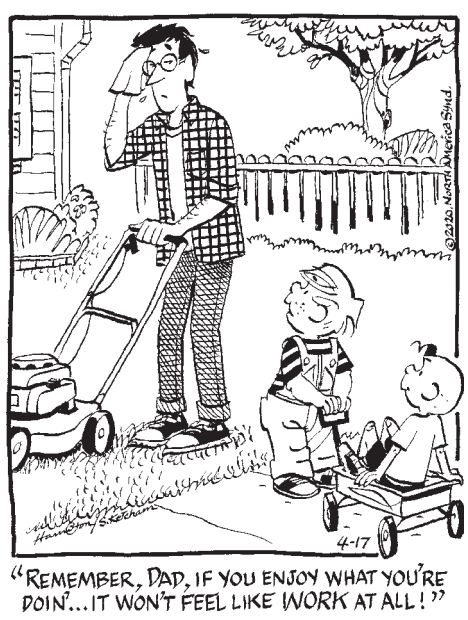
FAMILY CIRCUS



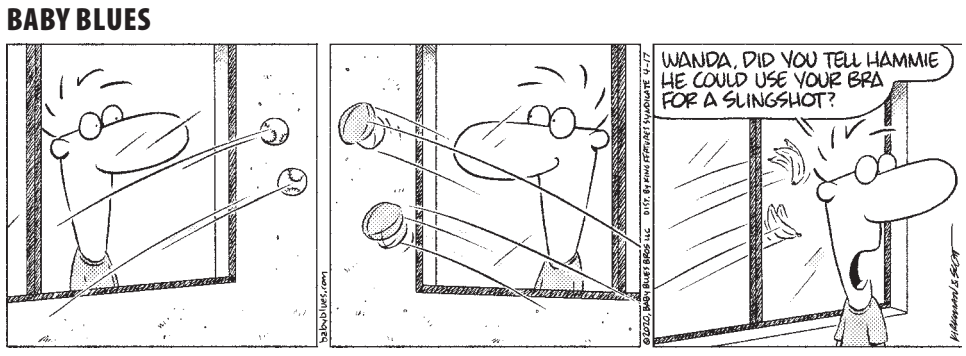
"Daddy's in the expensive care unit."

DENNIS THE MENACE

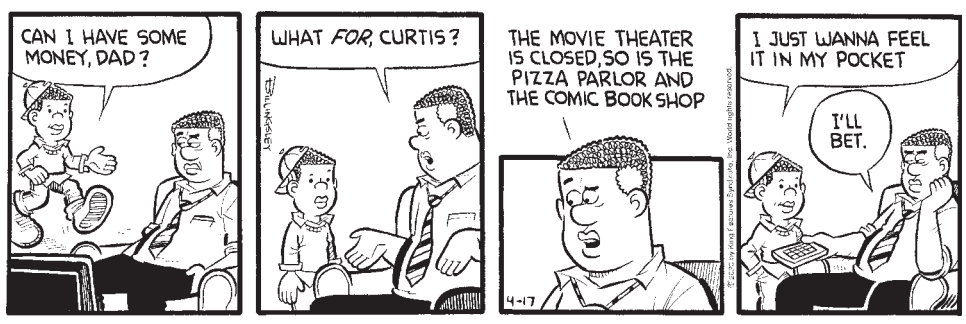


"REMEMBER, DAD, IF YOU ENJOY WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'...IT WON'T FEEL LIKE WORK AT ALL!"

BABY BLUES



CURTIS


CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY, DAD?
WHAT FOR, CURTIS?
THE MOVIE THEATER IS CLOSED, SO IS THE PIZZA PARLOR AND THE COMIC BOOK SHOP
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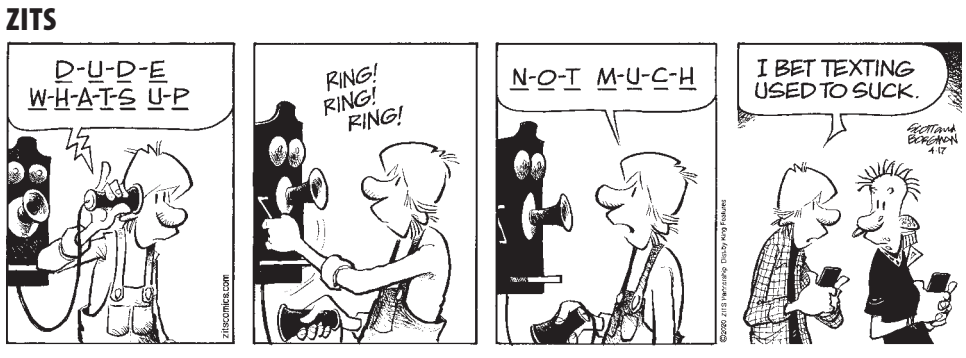
I JUST WANNA FEEL IT IN MY POCKET
I'LL BET.

ZITS



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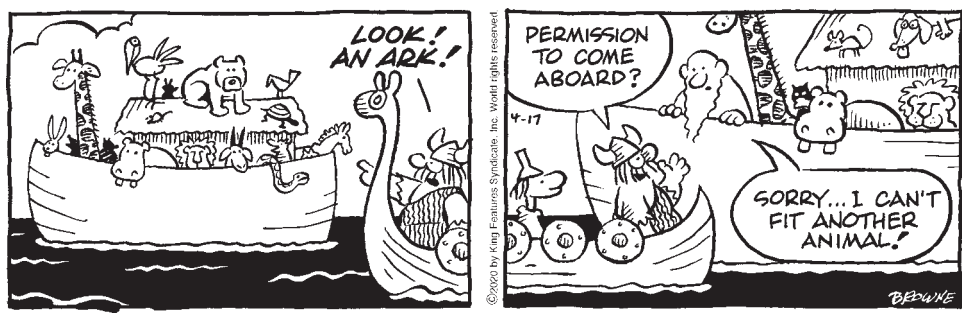
LOOK! AN ARK!
PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD?
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SORRY... I CAN'T FIT ANOTHER ANIMAL!
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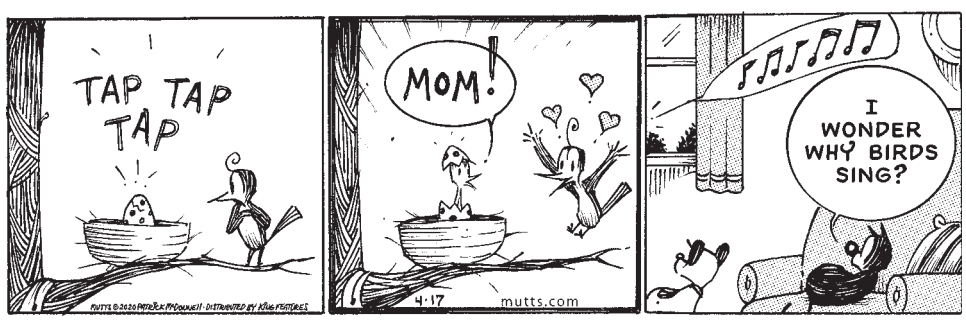
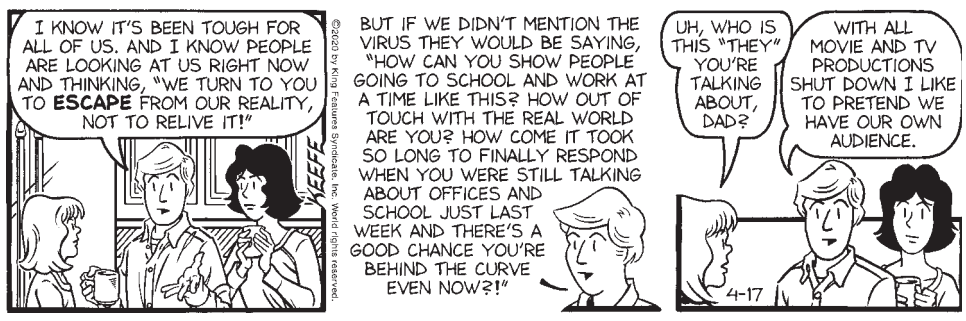
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH


I KNOW IT'S BEEN TOUGH FOR ALL OF US. AND I KNOW PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT US RIGHT NOW AND THINKING, "WE TURN TO YOU TO ESCAPE FROM OUR REALITY, NOT TO RELIVE IT!"
KEEFE
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BUT IF WE DIDN'T MENTION THE VIRUS THEY WOULD BE SAYING, "HOW CAN YOU SHOW PEOPLE GOING TO SCHOOL AND WORK AT A TIME LIKE THIS? HOW OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE REAL WORLD ARE YOU? HOW COME IT TOOK SO LONG TO FINALLY RESPOND WHEN YOU WERE STILL TALKING ABOUT OFFICES AND SCHOOL JUST LAST WEEK AND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOU'RE BEHIND THE CURVE EVEN NOW?!"
UH, WHO IS THIS "THEY" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, DAD?
WITH ALL MOVIE AND TV PRODUCTIONS SHUT DOWN I LIKE TO PRETEND WE HAVE OUR OWN AUDIENCE.
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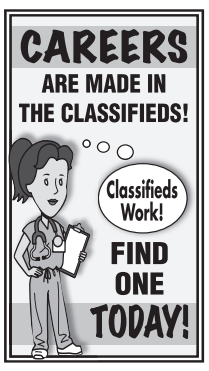

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Be secretive until you have formulated a plan and everything is in place. Giving someone too much leeway will make your life difficult. It's up to you to take care of your affairs if you want things to run smoothly. Your achievements will result in a memorable year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your charm and helpful suggestions will win favors. Make sure that you don't commit to something you don't have the time or money to complete. Moderation will be required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Delegate your time wisely. You don't want to neglect someone special or fall short when it comes to promises you made. Consider an interesting offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Intelligent banter will encourage others to take you seriously. Participate in events that will raise your profile. The contributions you make will change your life. Romance is on the rise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A creative idea will push you in an unexpected direction. Don't worry about pleasing everyone else. Stop worrying about what others think and do what's best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consider your motives. To judge others without taking a good look at yourself isn't going to help. Focus on educational pursuits, honest conversations and meaningful relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Deceit is apparent when it comes to partnerships. You should be direct in all matters and look at each situation you face in detail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Moderation will help you sidestep a problem. Distance yourself from people who overspend, exaggerate and promote indulgence. Discipline and sticking to a routine are in your best interest. Romance is favored.

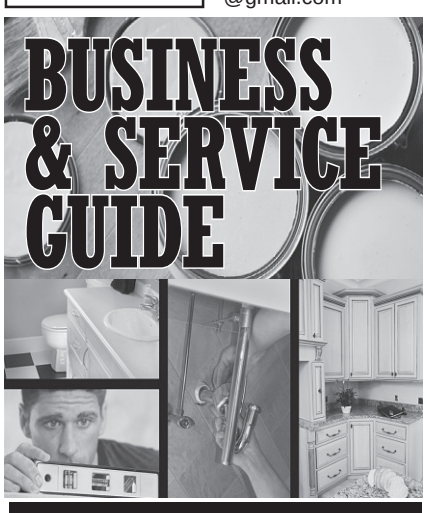
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep jealousy under control. A loved one will not be impressed if you are overly possessive. Focus on being unique, innovative and independent. Make a long-overdue lifestyle change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone will reveal your secrets if you share your inner thoughts. Don't jeopardize your reputation or believe everything you hear. Rely on experience, intelligence and charm to get ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Deal swiftly with inevitable changes. The less time you spend laboring over something you cannot change, the easier it will be to step into something new and exciting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take a deep breath and forge into the future with optimism. Personal gains, new beginnings and a positive lifestyle change await. Put the past to rest. Romance is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Reach out to people you have enjoyed collaborating with in the past. Attend a reunion or visit places and do things you used to enjoy. Choose to be positive.



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	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver Mac is put into a dream state.		Magnum P.I. "Farewell to Love" (N)		Blue Bloods "Bones to Pick"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Blacklist "Gordon Kemp" (N)		The Blacklist "Kuwait" CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washing-ton Week	Fir-ing-Hoover	Somewhere South "What a Pickle" (N)		Dish-ing-Julia	Dish-ing-Julia
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Charmed "Don't Look Back in Anger"		Dynasty (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Seven Indictments"		CSI: Miami A severed leg. CC		CSI: Miami "Point of Impact" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Charmed "Don't Look Back in Anger"		Dynasty (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 04.17.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	:00 ★★★ The Departed ('06) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon. An undercover cop and a criminal lead double lives. CC						Perfect Storm
Animal	Tanked	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)				Tanked CC	
BET	:00 2019 BET Awards Regina Hall hosts. CC						
Big Ten	Journey	Big Ten Elite CC		BTN Football in 60		Journey	Football
Bravo	:00 Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset (N) CC		Shahs of Sunset (N) CC		Watch What	Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	Gumball	Final Sp.	Final Sp.	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Jesse James	★★ The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. CC				Strike Back "Episode 10" CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Jim Gaffigan	
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N) CC				:02 Aussie Gold Hunters "Episode 1"	
Disney	Raven	★★ Peter Rabbit ('18)			Raven	Just Roll	Coop
DIY	Holmes	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:00 ★★ Couples Retreat ('09) CC				★★ Couples Retreat ('09)		
ESPN	NBA	Movie					
ESPN2	UFC Live	2020 WNBA Draft (N) (L) CC				To Be Announced	
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	NBA				NBA	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spotlight	Red Wings Classics Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals.					Game
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. CC			
FX	★★ Iron Man 2	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. CC					
Golf	6:00 LPGA Tour Golf					PGA Tour Golf	
Hallmark	A Brush With Love	With Love, Christmas ('17, Romance) Emilie Ullerup, Aaron O'Connell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Run CC	★★ War Dogs ('16, Comedy-Drama) Jonah Hill, Miles Teller, Ana de Armas. CC				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Pawn	Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars (N)		:03 Pawn Stars (N)	
HGTV	Home	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Unsella	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	★ Big Daddy ('99) Adam Sandler.				Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	White Sox Rewind From June 15, 2005.					Insd.
NFL	NFL Total	Path To the Draft		2020 NFL Scouting Combine CC			
Nick	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa			Dylan	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: Maricopa		Lockup: San Antonio		Lockup: Savannah	
Oxygen	:00 Golden State Killer: Main Suspect CC			Mark of a Killer "Mementos of Murder"		Mark of a Killer A killer rides the rails.	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Django Unchained ('12) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. CC						
Showtime	6:20 ★★ The Upside ('17) CC	★★ Rambo ('08) Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz. CC				SCB30 CC	
Starz	Forrest Gump	★★ Overcomer ('19, Drama) Alex Kendrick, Shari Rigby. (P). CC				:02 Outlander "Famous Last Words"	
STZENC	:13 ★★ Anger Management ('03) Adam Sandler. CC			★★ Tango & Cash ('89) Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell, Teri Hatcher. CC			
SyFy	★★ Constantine ('05, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf. CC					Vagrant Queen "In a Sticky Spot" (N)	
TBS	:00 ★★★ Ted ('12) Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis. CC (DVS)			★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15, Action) Robert Downey Jr. CC (DVS)			
TCM	Some Like It	Harold and Lillian: A Hollywood Love Story ('15) Harold Michelson. CC				★★★★ Deliverance ('72) CC	
TMC	Brighton Rock ('10)	★★ Made of Honor ('08) Patrick Dempsey. CC			:45 ★★ Jenny's Wedding ('15) Katherine Heigl. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Game Night ('18) (P).				★ Identity Thief	
Travel	Holzer	Ghost Loop (N) CC				Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ('07) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)					Modern Family	Modern Family
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC				Drumline ('02)	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Perimenopause can last months to years

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm a healthy and active 42-year-old, but I've been noticing a change in my periods lately. They're not as regular as before, and they're a lot shorter. Could this be perimenopause? What's going on, and what else is going to happen?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Perimenopause is the transitional time that leads up to a woman's final menstrual cycle. For some women, perimenopause can last for as little as a few months or a year. More often, it lasts for several years. In some instances, the changes associated with perimenopause can take place over the course of a decade. Although the symptoms can differ from woman to woman, they arise from the same cause. That is, certain hormonal changes within the body that precede the end of a woman's reproductive years.

Perimenopause is the period of time during which a woman's ovaries gradually begin to produce less estrogen, which is one of the hormones involved in the complex process that signals the uterus and the breasts to prepare for possible pregnancy. Although this shift in estrogen production is most common when a woman is in her mid-40s, it can happen earlier, when she is in her 30s. Perimenopause ends when a woman has gone a full year without a menstrual cycle, which is the start of menopause.

The symptoms that you mention are consistent with perimenopause. Many women experience changes to their menstrual cycles during this time, including fluctuations in flow, duration and regularity. These can be erratic because estrogen levels often diminish at an uneven pace, both rising and falling. However, it's important to distinguish the normal changes that accompany the transition to menopause and symptoms that may signal other causes. If the changes that you see become extreme, such as persistent heavy bleeding, the presence of blood clots, spotting between periods or after sex, or an increase in frequency of menstruation, please check with your doctor. Other conditions such as fibroids, endometriosis or, rarely, cancer may be the cause.

The final phase of perimenopause sees the sharpest drop-off in estrogen production. This is a time during which additional symptoms often appear. These can include fatigue, breast tenderness, changes to mood, hot flashes, a worsening of the symptoms of PMS, urinary incontinence, night sweats, sleep disruption, vaginal dryness and changes to sex drive. This decline in estrogen leaves women at risk of osteoporosis, a disease in which bones gradually become porous and, thus, more fragile. Women also begin to lose the protective heart effects of estrogen, which is believed to help keep blood vessels more flexible.

Considering your age, along with the symptoms that you mentioned, it's possible that you are experiencing perimenopause. However, due to the ongoing fluctuations in hormone levels, no one test can provide a definitive diagnosis. Instead, your health care provider will evaluate your symptoms, along with your age and menstrual history. If your symptoms begin to interfere with quality of life, they may offer treatment that can include lifestyle changes, hormone replacement therapy or antidepressants. Each has risks and benefits, so be sure to have these explained to you in detail.

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Friend can't quit bad relationship with married man

DEAR CAROLYN: My very best friend has had very little luck in the romance department. She has been on and off for the past five years with a married man who has three kids under 6. His wife found proof of him cheating on her and blocked my friend's number and all her social media. My friend was desperate to get back in touch with him and found some loophole through an account that wasn't blocked. Once he realized she was blocked, he unblocked her and the saga began again. The affair persisted through him giving her an STD – because of course he has multiple partners – and his wife getting pregnant two times while they were together.

Carolyn Hax

She has dated some other guys but constantly compares them to this guy, the "love of her life." She has incredibly high standards and knows this guy will never leave his wife and even if he did, he would constantly be cheating on her because that's just how he is.

She has been cheated on before and knows how much it hurts. She knows how much I disapprove, too, and I never bring it up; the topic only comes up if she brings it up.

She is now "dating" a new guy she isn't really into. The guy is really into her. If he knew she was still sleeping with this married man he would be crushed.

I am really worried about her and the bad karma she is racking up, and that she won't choose herself over some jerk. Is this really not my place, or is there something I can do to help her? – Conflicted BFF

CONFLICTED BFF: I would call those incredibly low standards. Wow.

And calling it "luck" is the kind of thing I walk off during my lunch break.

There has always been an emergency or illness exception to the "not my place" rules, and your friend's behavior qualifies. It's not one stupid fling, it's years of self- and other-destruction. Emotionally, she needs professional care.

The details of who saw what, when, through what attempts to block, and after infecting whoever with whatever, are just so many symptoms – again, not of romantic anguish. They are symptoms of deep problems in her ability to function emotionally.

They may soon manifest as physical symptoms in the poor benighted new guy, too, if your friend's casual disregard for the new guy continues, and the married guy's disregard of everyone but himself continues, and her disregard for his disregard continues. "Bad karma" would seem quaint here even if it all weren't so offensive, and, if there's knowing infection, possibly even a crime.

Your friend's emotional dysfunction is not something you can fix for her. You can help, however: Stop using language that minimizes and downplays her destructive choices and treats them as if they're just on the bad end of the romance-as-usual scale.

Instead, speak unequivocally in health terms only. "I am worried about you. You're hurting others and getting hurt. If you felt this bad physically, then you'd see a doctor. Feeling this bad emotionally is what therapy is for." Say it once in full, then repeat a condensed version *whenever* the topic comes up. "This is not OK. Please get help." No guarantees, but there's power in truth + concern.

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24 Royal pronoun
25 Monumental
27 Ticks off
31 In days gone by
32 Casino supply
33 Mexican lad
34 Chicks' mothers
36 Nerve network
38 Cotillion honoree
39 Pliny's bear
40 Megastar
41 Home-heating fuel
42 Motel of yore
44 Unclad
46 Largest mammal
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52 Stay clear of
56 Check fig.
57 Forest grazer
58 Deep South
59 Tire pressure meas.
60 Compass pt.
61 Verne's captain

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6 Police blotter info
7 Jupiter or Ra
8 Egyptian sun god
9 Ear part
10 Luau keepsakes
12 Got hitched quick
17 Dustup (hyph.)
19 Headache remedy
21 German pistol
22 Soldering tools
23 Spot remover
24 Molokai neighbor
26 Clinched, as a deal
28 Fingerprint part
29 Handle dough
30 Cries audibly
35 Cruises
37 Happy
43 Requires
45 Kline or Costner
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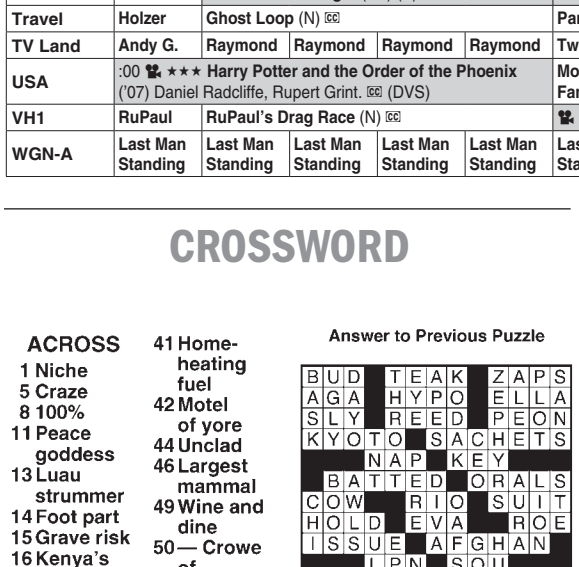
55 Help wanted abbr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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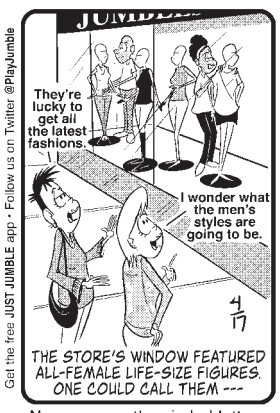
They're lucky to get all the latest fashions.
I wonder what the men's styles are going to be.
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THE STORE'S WINDOW FEATURED ALL-FEMALE LIFE-SIZE FIGURES. ONE COULD CALL THEM ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CREEK FUNNY VERIFY BETTER
Answer: They were in the process of turning on the home's power, which made it a — CURRENT EVENT

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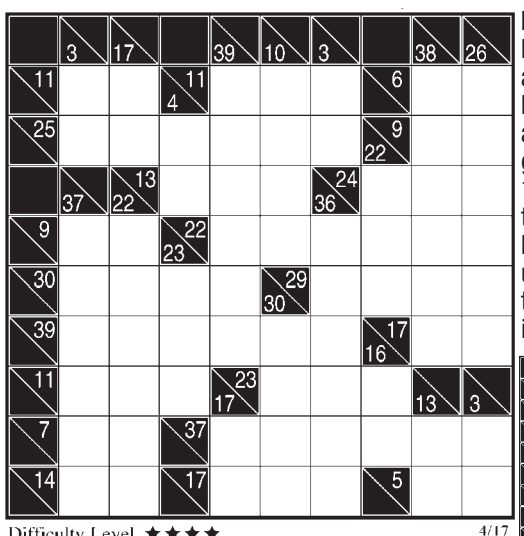
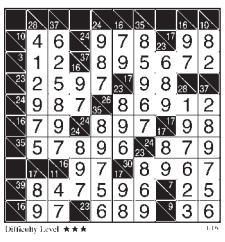
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/17



BRIDGE

When you have a trump suit, you enjoy control over the side suits. Even if you hold losers in a side suit, as long as the other hand is void in that suit, you can win a trick by ruffing. However, if the hand with the void has no trumps left, you could be in trouble.

Given that introduction, how should South play in six spades on today's deal after West leads the heart king?

Over the weak two-spade opening, North used the almost-extinct Grand Slam Force. This asked the opener to bid seven spades with two of the top three trump honors. Holding only one top honor, South signed off in six. (North could have used Roman Key Card Blackwood also.)

Declarer had three red-suit losers in his hand, but three discards were available on dummy's clubs once trumps were drawn. South just had to make sure that if he lost a trump trick, there would still be a trump on the board to ruff a heart.

Declarer led dummy's spade nine at trick two and let it ride.

If West had produced the queen, South could have ruffed a heart with the spade king, crossed to hand with a club to the 10, drawn trumps and claimed.

Here, though, the spade nine won. Now declarer cashed the spade king, getting the bad news, but he calmly played on clubs. When East ruffed the third round, South overruffed, cashed the spade ace to draw East's final trump, crossed to the diamond ace and finished the clubs. If East had never ruffed, declarer would have eventually lost only a trump trick.

North 04-17-20
♠ K 9
♥ A
♦ A Q 7 5 3
♣ A K Q J 2

West
♠ 3
♥ K Q J 8 7
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 9 8 4 3

East
♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ K J 10
♣ 7 6

South
♠ A J 10 7 6 2
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	6	3	7	1	8	5	4	9
9	7	1	6	5	4	8	2	3
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7	1	8	4	6	5	9	3	2
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1	5	9	2	4	3	7	6	8
3	8	4	5	7	6	2	9	1
6	2	7	8	9	1	3	5	4

OBITUARIES

Stanley Eugene 'Gene' Brewer

March 8, 1940 – April 15, 2020

Stanley Eugene "Gene" Brewer, 80, of Niles died Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at West Woods of Niles.

"Gene," as he was known to most, was born March 8, 1940, the youngest of three children born to Eldon and Katherine Brewer of Galien. Gene lived most of his life in Galien, graduating from GHS, class of 1958. He was an accomplished three-sport athlete, playing for the regular season undefeated basketball team that year and being named the top athlete in his class. It was there that Gene met his high school sweetheart, Judy (Gilbert) Brewer. They wed on March 12, 1960, recently celebrating 60 years together. It was also in Galien where Gene, with help from a few friends and family members, built his home by hand on ancestral family farm land.

Gene served in the U.S. Army Reserves and completed a skilled trades apprenticeship with Clark Equipment Company in Buchanan, where he then went to work. He later worked for what was then Bendix Corporation in South Bend as a toolmaker, retiring from AlliedSignal/Honeywell in 1999. He was a Freemason, and for many years was a member of the United Methodist Church of Galien before becoming a member of Clay Church in South Bend.

Gene was known for hard work, his sense of humor, a generous heart and a big laugh. He always made time to see his kids' and grandkids' sporting events, even while putting in long overtime hours at work. Gene enjoyed boisterous family gatherings, playing cards with friends, following his favorite teams on TV, boating, fishing with his grandkids, and in later years, traveling on many adventures with Judy. They took a number of trips to Alaska to visit their oldest son, and enjoyed winters in Avon Park, Fla.

Gene is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Don (Teresa) Brewer of Poteau, Okla., Doug (Debra) Brewer of New Carlisle, Ind., and Dale (Suzette) Brewer of St. Joseph; grandchildren, Nick, Holly, Heather, Dustin, Derrick, Katelyn and Jacob; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Joan (Richard) Kuntz of Buchanan.

Along with his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

A private committal service will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at Galien Township Cemetery. Memorials in Gene's name are welcome at the American Heart/American Stroke Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, www.heart.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to Swem Chapel, Buchanan. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Gene enjoyed a happy and well-lived life. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him and knew him well.

Greta DeYoung

Aug. 31, 1938 – April 14, 2020

Greta DeYoung died on April 14, 2020.

Gret's roots were in Holland, Mich. She was born on Aug. 31, 1938, to Henry and Elizabeth Masselink in Holland. Her father was a dentist and her mother was a secretary and professional church organist. Gret was a 1956 graduate of Holland High School and stayed in touch in various ways with many of her classmates over the years. Her school friends will remember her as someone who loved to party! She played the accordion and was a Dutch dancer. In her early adult years, she worked at the soda bar at Model Drug, waited tables at the Wooden Shoe, worked in the payroll department at Holland Furnace and was a secretary at Bradford Paper Company and Vandenberg Buick in Holland.

In 1958, Gret married Ward (Judd) DeYoung. She and Judd moved to Watervliet in 1962, and owned and operated Watervliet Rexall Pharmacy for 25 years. After raising their children and selling the drugstore, Gret was into real estate investments and assisted the Watervliet Township clerk. She was active in the MECCA women's club in Watervliet. Judd and Gret moved from Watervliet to Casco Township in 1993. After living in Casco Township for over 20 years, they returned to Gret's roots in Holland in 2015. They retained their ties to Casco by being longtime members of Casco United Methodist Church.

Throughout Gret's life she always found ways to keep having fun and get the most out of life. She had a "green thumb" and enjoyed gardening. She had a great eye for design and color, and she had a knack for flower arranging. She loved wilderness camping, especially at Chicago Lake in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and camping at Covert Township Park on Lake Michigan. She liked to cross country ski, water ski and motorcycle trail ride. She and Judd took great joy and pride in being called "Winter Texans" for 30 years.

In addition to Judd, her husband of 62 years, Gret is survived by her daughter, Susan Sweet and son-in-law, Tom Sweet; her daughter, Diane McClure and son-in-law, Gary McClure; her grandchildren, Jason (Sally) Sweet, Jaret (Sivong Siakhasone) Sweet, Adam (Tiffany) McClure and Kim McClure; great-grandchildren, Dutch Sweet, Wila Sweet, Keith McClure and Connor McClure; and her much-loved dog, Snugzy. Gret's brother, Mark (Paula) Masselink; a cousin, Dr. Bruce Masselink of Holland; and many other cousins also survive.

Her brother, Dave Masselink, died many years ago at the age of 50.

A very special celebration for the immediate family will take place this summer when COVID-19 is done. Gret wanted to be there too, but now only her spirit will be. Her mind was called away suddenly.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. You can donate online at lbda.org or by mail at Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047. Cremation has taken place.

James House

Feb. 20, 1980 – March 31, 2020

James House, 40 of Warren, Mich., formerly of Benton Harbor departed this life March 31, 2020.

Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

James was born on Feb. 20, 1980, in Benton Harbor, to the union of Thresa and James Mcallister. He was a member of Serenity Christian Church under the leadership of Apostle John Harvey, and was a 1998 graduate from Eau Claire High School. James attended Central Michigan University and later completed his nursing degree at Mid-Michigan Community College. He was a Master Mason of Jimmie Lunceford Lodge 45 of P.H.A. He was a registered nurse for over 12 years and worked as an assistant director of nursing. He enjoyed reading, spending time with his family, traveling and sharing wisdom.

James leaves to cherish his memories, five children: Contressa House of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mckenje, Ivan, and Ayanna, all of Detroit, and Anijah House of Florida; one sister, Catrisha (Andre) House Phelps; special cousins, Camastro Osler, Antwan Hall and Brian Dancler; companion, Bunnie Norton; and close friend, Charles Thomas.

He was preceded in death by his father, James McAllister; and grandparents, Jane Bobo, Mark McClinton and Ruthie Mcallister.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories. If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

Births

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Buchanan – Girl, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, Amaya Huffer and Seth Lane, 11:55 a.m. April 4.

Coloma – Boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, April and Matthew Neal, 8:24 a.m. April 7.

Three Oaks – Boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, Brittany Sokolowski and Corey Gripado, 8:35 p.m. April 4.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Twin Girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and twin boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, Euleasia Eddie and Lewis King, 2:01 p.m. and 2:02 p.m. April 10.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, Melissa Richards and Matthew Sewcyck, 3:40 a.m. April 9.

Coloma – Boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Alexis McCarthy and Bradley Cobb, 10:04 p.m. April 8.

Covert – Boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Loralei and Ken Ellison, 11:31 a.m. April 14.

Stevensville – Girl, 7 pounds even, Rana and Yassine Ayoubi, 5:36 a.m. April 16.

Stevensville – Girl, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, Erin and Kurt Beran, 6:26 a.m. April 16.

Stevensville – Boy, 9 pounds even, Hanah Scholtes and Kyle Banish, 11:47 a.m. April 11.

GRANT

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in Michigan's forests with heavier spring rains.

"The key to creating healthy forests with climate change and forest pests will be selecting a diversity of the right species for the right place," Lettow said.

The partners' project area spans what ecologists call the "tension zone," a region where northern tree species meet southern tree species and they blend together.

Any Michigander who has driven "up north" from the southern part of the state has experienced the tension zone as oaks and hickories start to give way to birches and pines. As summer temperatures become warmer and winters become milder, historically southern species like shagbark hickory are likely to do better here, while northern species like paper birch are likely to struggle and their range is likely to move further north.

At the Wau-Ke-Na Preserve, the conservancy is determining which species of planted trees may do best after invasive plants are treated in the struggling ash forests. Black gum and sycamore, for example, are two tree species that like the wet conditions found at the preserve, and if planted could help to refill the open canopy over time

"I've seen these species a lot more in southern Michigan and northern Indiana, but at this point they're pretty uncommon this far north," Brown said. "If we plant them here now, not only could they handle the warmer summer temps here, but they may even thrive over time, and help keep invasives from taking over again."

NURSES

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caused by the virus and returned to work. Kulach said in an interview that it was unsafe to work without the N95 mask because the virus is circulating in hospital air ducts and there's no way to know which patients have the virus. She also insisted on wearing sterile gloves to use a computer and other shared items at the nursing station.

Virtua's chief clinical officer, Dr. Reginald Blaber, said in a statement that the hospital now provides N95 masks to staff caring for patients with the virus or awaiting test results, and to staff in high-risk areas like the ICU and ER. Staff in other areas are issued one surgical mask daily.

Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't require N95 masks for COVID-19 caregivers, but many hospitals are opting for the added protection because the infection is extremely contagious. The CDC said Wednesday at least 9,200 health care workers have been infected.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

Saint John's said that, as of Tuesday, it was providing N95 masks to all nurses caring for COVID-19 patients and those awaiting test results. Its statement said the hospital had increased its supply and was disinfecting masks daily.

Death notices

Bobby Barton, 83, of Coloma died April 15, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Dwayne Allen Boughner, 42, of Hartford died April 13, 2020. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Stanley E. "Gene" Brewer, 80, of Niles died April 15, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Donald J. Campbell, 76, of South Haven died April 15, 2020, in Jackson, Mich. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

James Arthur Hammond, 64, of Hartford died April 14, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Jean Day, 97, of Sullivan, Ind., formerly of Niles died April 16, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

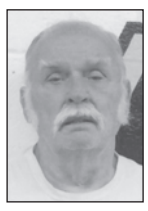
Greta DeYoung, 81, of Holland, Mich., formerly of Watervliet died April 14, 2020. Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, Mich., 561-4601.

Gregory Prez, 61, of Niles died April 16, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Richard Arthur "Dick" Smith, 85, of Lawrence died April 13, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Donald James Campbell

Aug. 10, 1943 – April 15, 2020



Donald James Campbell, 76, of South Haven passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in Jackson, Mich.

He was born Aug. 10, 1943, to Jervis and Ida (Eggleston) Campbell in Kalamazoo. Donald served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He later worked for Bohn Aluminum and Pullman Industries. Donald enjoyed the outdoors – fishing, hunting and gardening.

He is preceded in death, along with his parents, by a former spouse, Josephine Campbell; children, Monica K. Campbell and Jim Campbell; and sisters, Ethel Smith and Brenda Eurand.

Donald is survived by his wife, Betty (Shears) Campbell; children, James (Elizabeth) Campbell of Jackson, Tenn., and Monica (DeUndre) Greer of Humble, Texas; stepchildren, Angela, Charles and Seddie Blunt, all of South Haven; brother, Jervis Campbell of South Haven; 22 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, with Pastor Henry Allen Sr. officiating. Donald will be laid to rest in Stephenson Cemetery in Casco Township. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Christine Ramer

Dec. 22, 1960 – April 12, 2020

Christine Kay Ramer, 59, of Benton Harbor passed away at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph on Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Christine was born on Dec. 22, 1960, in Watervliet, to the late Wesley and Bonnie Hirsch. On Sept. 4, 1999, at a ceremony in Sodus, Christine married the love of her life, John Ramer. She worked for many years at Royalton Foot and Ankle, mastering many tasks, and doing everything that had been asked of her. Christine enjoyed going out to eat. She had a special place in her heart for animals, specifically rescue animals. But what really lit up her eyes was camping. She loved traveling out West and up North to camp. She especially loved the scenery of Mackinaw City.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wesley and Bonnie Hirsch.

Christine will be remembered by her husband, John Ramer; brothers, Dave (Anita) Hirsch of Kansas, Okla., and Mike (Gloria) Hirsch of Eau Claire; and many extended family members and close friends.

A private funeral service will be held at Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions in Christine's honor may be made to the Humane Society – Southwestern Michigan at 5400 S. Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Memories, condolences, and photos may be left for the family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Stevensville's Jodi Rabbers will be heading to Florida next month to start training for the new Mediterranean Baseball League, a six-team women's professional baseball endeavor. Rabbers, a 1976 graduate of Lakeshore High School, admits to being "thirty something" and that she's never been to Europe. "All I know right now is that I'll be playing for one of France's teams," added Rabbers, a three-sport star at Lakeshore. "I haven't signed a contract yet, but I have been told all my expenses will be paid and I'll earn a salary on top of that."

35 years ago – 1985

Construction of a $2.5-$3 million addition to Orchards Mall to house an "upper line" department store appears closer to reality, John Farrar, mall general manager said last night. The store would join J.C. Penney and Sears as the third anchor in the mall that now houses 67 stores.

50 years ago – 1970

The Rev. C. W. Runkel, pastor of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, 3001 Veronica Dr., St. Joseph, announced that the church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding at a special service this Sunday.

Zion church was formally organized Feb. 15, 1920. The biggest step forward in Zion's history took place in May of 1965 when the beautiful new church edifice at Veronica Drive and Leco Court was dedicated.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, April 17, the 108th day of 2020. There are 258 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (Luther was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York Harbor.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted brutal, radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Snow Likely	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
42°	33°	49° / 43°	48° / 37°	49° / 43°	54° / 44°

Local Outlook

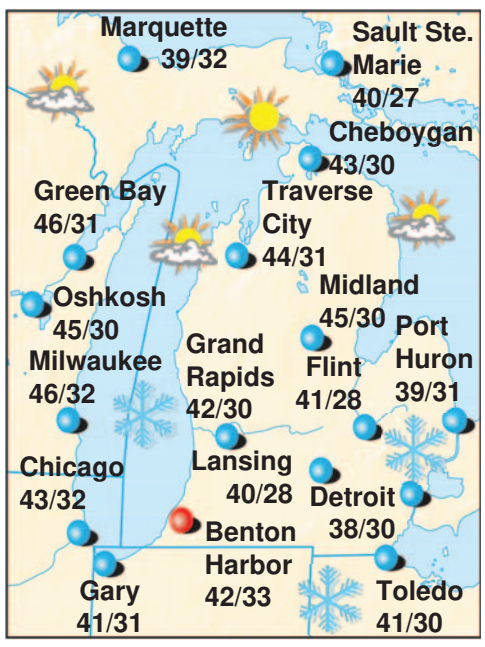
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 100% chance of snow, high temperature of 42°, humidity of 69%. East southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. New snow accumulation between two to three inches possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:01 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise	5:02 a.m.
Moonset	3:18 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
4/22	4/30	5/7	5/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	44°
Low	28°
Normal High	60°
Normal Low	39°
Record High	86° in 2002
Record Low	22° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.58"
Normal for month	1.76"
Year to date	8.47"
Normal Year to date	7.41"

Air Quality

Yesterday	40
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

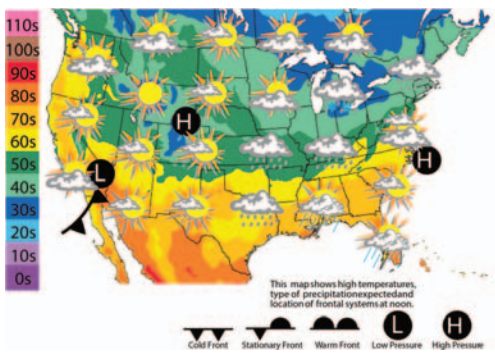
Weather Trivia

How strong were the peak winds in Hurricane Andrew? ?

Answer: The highest recorded peak gust was 169 mph.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, E wind 6 to 9 kt. Snow. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, WNW wind 5 to 9 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. West southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 40s and 50s. Southwest wind 9 to 18 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. East southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 40s and 50s. Southwest wind 6 to 14 mph.

HAIR CARE

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being unable to go to their barber or stylist, people might think they're saving money by cutting or coloring their own hair.

"If you give yourself a free haircut, it'll still cost you full price for us to fix it," he kidded. "At least once a month we see a kid who picked up clippers, and we have to fix it. But we can't put it back. If we could, we'd be living in Beverly Hills."

Kempton said he closed up shop March 14, a week before the governor's mandate.

"We barbers all need a haircut too. I'm still refraining from cutting my own too much," he said.

Ursula Lull, another stylist at Revá Salon & Spa, has been doing hair for 30 years.

She said when it comes to coloring hair, it's risky, especially if a store-bought dye has bleach.

"It's more technical than you might think. There are some processes that are more risky than others," Lull said.

"As far as bleaching dark roots, one box of store-bought dye probably won't color your whole head, so unless you want to go back to the store with orange, blotchy hair, I do not recommend it," she added.

She said YouTube videos for men's cuts can be helpful.

"But guys, plan on sitting for an hour and a half for what should take less than a half hour. Be patient," she said.

She said she believes she is speaking for most stylists when she says, "We value and appreciate our customers and understand desperate times call for desperate measures. We mostly look forward to seeing them in our chairs in whatever condition their hair may be. We're looking forward to cleaning up the messes. It'll be fun."

Hartwig is not a fan of videos on how to cut hair.

"YouTube has all these 'foolproof' videos. To me, anything with the word 'fool' is a red flag. But guys can get away with just buzzing it all off," she said.

Hartwig is discouraging her clients from cutting their own bangs, because it's easy to go too short.

"If you're going out, put your sunglasses on your head, they'll serve as a headband," she suggests.

She said people who are depressed about their current appearance might end up more depressed if they cut their own hair too short.

Leah Dibble, co-owner of Reflections Hair Studio in Coloma is a fan of headbands and ponytails.

"Headbands can hide a multitude of sins," she said. "You can use a thick headband to pull back your bangs or to hide hair roots," she said.

She said she took her own hair supplies home before closing the studio.

"I can do my own hair, and I'm saving money on makeup, because I don't go anywhere," she said.

She is discouraging clients from coloring their own hair, and says they definitely should not use any box coloring that contains bleach. She also thinks it best that people not cut their own hair.

"I've already had one person message me asking, 'How do I fix this?' I think we're going to have a lot of fixing to do when we open back up."

Beth Ward, a stylist at Gallery Salon in Benton Harbor, said she anticipates working long hours once hair salons and barber shops are able to reopen.

"When you buy a box of color, there's potentially something damaging. You want a beautiful blonde and you end up orange," she said. "I've already had quite a few clients post pictures."

When it comes to cutting your own hair, she said, "Step away from the kitchen shears. Don't do it. We all look rough right now. Just let yourself look rough."

She said ponytails for women and shaved heads for men might be popular styles right now.

"All these men shaving their heads is cracking me up a little bit. I love watching the videos," she said.

Ward said the current situation has shown her how generous and loving people can be.

"I filed for unemployment, but haven't heard back yet. I'm a single mom with four kids. I've had a couple of clients reach out to me and ask if I need anything," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Traverse City National Cherry Festival canceled

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — The National Cherry Festival, a major northern Michigan summer destination for decades, has been canceled for 2020 due to uncertainty over the coronavirus, organizers said Thursday.

The festival in Traverse City was scheduled for July 3-10. The event coincides with Independence Day and is a major tourist draw. It has parades, fireworks, concerts, farm tours, a carnival midway and cherry pie-eating contests.

Area hotels are packed. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels put on an air show.

The festival celebrates the region's signature fruit. Traverse City calls itself the cherry capital of the world, and Michigan's northwestern Lower Peninsula grows most of the nation's tart cherries, the variety used in pies.

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medication) and improvement in respiratory symptoms, plus it's been at least seven days since symptoms first appeared.

The BCHD released other new sets of data also Thursday, such as the number of cases by ZIP code in the county.

It shows that the 49022 ZIP code (Benton Harbor) has more than 50 confirmed and presumed cases, while the 49106 (Bridgman), 49115 (Harbert), 49116 (Lakeside) and 49128 (Three Oaks) ZIP codes have zero cases.

ZIP codes 49120 (Niles), and 49013 and 49104 (Berrien Springs) each have 31-50 cases.

The data shows more women in the county have the virus than men, and that people between 60 and 69 are most likely to have it.

The county reports that the data on race/ethnicity is still being updated.

The full dataset can be found at www.bchdmi.org/1689/COVID-19-Cases-and-Data.

The BCHD and Spectrum Health Lakeland are holding a news conference to give more updates on COVID-19 in the county at 12:30 p.m. Friday on Facebook Live, @bchdmi and @spectrumhealth lakeland.

Surrounding counties

The number of cases and deaths in Van Buren County stayed steady on Thursday, with 26 positive cases and two deaths.

Cass County now has 19 positive cases, up from 17 reported Wednesday. The county still has one reported death.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at about 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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COUNTY

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overwhelmed.

Britten said officials from contiguous counties need to start making plans that protect their local interests.

"The local health departments have been talking a lot about this. What is this next phase, knowing that this type of shutdown, while it seems like it's being effective in slowing disease transmission, we need to figure out how to let our foot off the brake a little bit," she said.

Possible resolution

County commissioners are considering adding their support to the growing number of people calling on Whitmer to allow some currently banned businesses to reopen if they can do so safely without spreading the COVID-19 virus.

Commissioner Teri Freehling said that if a resolution is drawn up, it needs to encourage the governor to follow the federal standards for the definition of essential workers "so that we can put more of our businesses back to work."

Commissioner Michael Majerek said that Niles is competing with South Bend, Ind., where the federal standards are being followed.

"Everybody's just going over the state line and doing their shopping and work and then coming back to Niles, and it's hurting our small businesses," he said.

Landscapers are among several occupations listed as essential in the federal guidelines, but not in Whitmer's order. Another difference between states is in how non-essential businesses are being treated. In Indiana, businesses like floral shops are allowed to take orders over the phone and online, with the product picked up at the curb. In Michigan, not only is that activity banned, but big box stores are being forced to rope off sections of their stores that sell items deemed by the state to be nonessential, such as paint, carpeting and plants.

County Board Chairman Mac Elliott said the problem with the state's one-size-fits-all approach is that the one size appears to be what the southeast side of the state needs and doesn't consider the rest of the state.

More than 80 percent of the state's COVID-19 cases are in the Detroit area.

As county commissioners consider drafting a resolution, they are looking at one passed Tuesday by the Oronoko Township Board that asks Whitmer to reconsider her stay-at-home order, which expires April 30.

The resolution calls for workers to be allowed to return to their jobs in occupations where social distancing can be done to mitigate the spread of the virus.

It also calls for state legislators to "convene in regular session to represent the voice of the people and stand against the unilateral actions of Governor Whitmer."

The resolution can be found on the Oronoko Charter Township Facebook page.

More tests needed

During Thursday's meeting Britten said that extensive testing plus contact tracing are essential to reopen society. But, she said COVID-19 tests are still scarce.

She said that over the past six weeks, the health department has talked to 1,600 to 1,700 people who may have come in contact with someone who tested positive with COVID-19, with those people asked to quarantine for two weeks so the virus isn't spread.

She said it is also still difficult to find enough personal protective equipment to protect area health workers, but it is a little easier than two weeks ago.

Britten said a second testing site for COVID-19 was set up by the state last week at InterCare in Benton Harbor.

"There was a push for having additional testing in urban centers outside of Southeast Michigan," she said. "There has been an agency at the state level that has been coordinating with federally qualified health centers. We're grateful that InterCare is doing that. They seem to have a great operation and (it) is happening at a time when the governor and MDHHS are requesting that we work to test more mild and moderate people with symptoms, not just those who are seriously ill."

The first site was set up by Spectrum Health Lakeland last month at the Center for Outpatient Services on 3900 Hollywood Road in St. Joseph Township.

People need to call ahead before going to either site to be tested. The number for InterCare is 855-869-6900. The number to be screened for the virus by Spectrum Health Lakeland is 833-559-0659.

Recovery could take years

Britten said the health department has already started making plans to help people recover from this pandemic, which could take years.

"We know the economic impact that so many family are living through now, being laid off, having delays in receiving unemployment payments," she said. "Even if those come as a backlog, they're still dealing with the debt that's incurring without having that. Then also some of the other things that come with continuing to work during this time and what are some of the costs associated with that. Needless to say, every family in Berrien County, really every family in our country, has been impacted by this in some way."

She said that people's long-term health is impacted when their income, jobs and housing are in question.

"As a health department that cares deeply about those upstream causes of health, and the inequities in all of those systems that persist in our county, we're working to make sure that some of the collateral damage to our response to the pandemic – how we can minimize that for the health needs of our residents in the years going forward," she said. "We know there will be an impact for a long time to come. We're doing that planning now, at the same time we're trying to do everything we can to slow the transmission of COVID-19 here in Berrien County."

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